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1. ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1973, ~~THIS IS A~~ FERNANDEZ, ~~ON~~,  
MINISTER COUNSELOR OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO AT THE  
TIME OF THE COUP, TOLD

THAT ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1973 HE WAS CONDUCTING OFFICIAL  
BUSINESS IN THE CHILEAN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WHEN THE MAIN  
ASSAULT AGAINST THE PALACE BY CHILEAN ARMY TROOPS BEGAN.

COMMENT: FERNANDEZ IS AN OFFICER OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF  
INTELLIGENCE (DGI) AND MARRIED TO A DAUGHTER OF SALVADOR

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2. ~~ACCORDING TO FERNANDEZ~~ THE ASSAULT ON THE PALACE, SAVE FOR SCATTERED SHOOTING, WAS OVER BY APPROXIMATELY 1400 HOURS, AND IT BECAME KNOWN THAT PRESIDENT ALLENDE WAS DEAD IN HIS OFFICE. CHILEAN TROOPS IN THE PALACE BEGAN TAKING PRISONERS, THREATENING EXECUTION ON THE SPOT TO THOSE WHO BORE ARMS OR GAVE ANY SIGN OF RESISTING. THE TROOPS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WHETHER THE PEOPLE IN THE PALACE WERE CHILEAN OR FOREIGNERS, APPARENTLY ASSUMING THAT EVERYONE FOUND IN THE PALACE WAS A DIE-HARD ALLENDE SUPPORTER.

3. ~~FERNANDEZ WHO WAS CARRYING HIS DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS~~, WAS APPREHENDED TWICE. HE SLIPPED AWAY THE FIRST TIME IN THE CONFUSION WHEN HE REALIZED THAT HIS CREDENTIALS DID HIM NO GOOD; ON THE SECOND OCCASION, FERNANDEZ CLAIMED THAT HE WAS TWICE AT THE POINT OF BEING SHOT BUT FINALLY MANAGED TO CONVINCE HIS CAPTORS THAT HE WAS A BONAFIDE DIPLOMAT. AT 1600 HOURS; 11 SEPTEMBER 1973, HE WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE PALACE.

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